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KELHAM BAPTIST CHURCH

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Wednesday, April 18, 2018

Prayer God Is Faithful

Newer Requests

Chad Beardain, son of Mike and Beverly
 Mike and Beverly Beardain's neighbor, Mary Lou
 Pastor friend of Mike Beardain
 Katie Bradford

Dee Buckmier—cancer has returned
 Walter Goddard—medical procedure
 Claud Holland—bacterial pneumonia
 Family of Jill Holland—bereavement, father
 Ron Langham—health issues/tests/procedures
 Jake Justice, cousin of Jill Justice, salvation
 Mark Handley's mother—recuperation
 Friend of Ron Meek—Debra Roberts
 Porterfield family—bereavement, Neal (Jim)
 Shirley Smith—health/well-being

Ongoing Prayer Needs

Pastor's cousin and husband, Jeff and Gini Schoonover
 Glenda Anderson—health
 Tom Anderson—continuing health issues
 Bob Barker—Claudia Montgomery's brother-in-law, health
 Larry Bradley—continued recuperation
 Quinn Bradley—grandson of Larry and Lana Bradley
 Alberta Darks—health
 Alberta Darks' grandson Kevin
 Allen Davis (Ralph Henson's brother-in-law)—health
 Lloyd Dickerson—health
 Arlene Goddard's son Kevin
 Walter Goddard's son Dale
 Mark Handley's mother and sister
 J.R. Hill—strength/grace
 Twila Howard cousin, Virginia—health
 Friend of Twila Howard, Maxine
 Ed Lamb's niece—metastatic cancer
 Eddy Jane McElvany—Tuscany Village—Hospice
 Billye Murrell—strength
 Dareck Smith—well-being
 Dale Townsend
 Clarence Warstler—continued recuperation

Our Military

Pastor's nephew, Edward and family—deployment
 Heather McEver

Our Shut-ins

Willis Bottger (VA retirement, Norman)
 Delores and Sam Castleberry
 Ruth Greene (Bill Long's aunt)
 Bill and Betty Harris—strength, wisdom, and grace
 John Thomas
 Pat Clark—Brookdale SW

"The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much" (James 5:13)

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The national offering goal this year is \$70 million.

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Church Bible Drill Competition this coming Sunday morning



Guess Who!

Glenna Littleton's class Sunday morning. Nine smiling faces to learn God's Word.



April 2018

Open/Close

- 22** T Montgomery
- 29** Phillips
- Calendar**
- 19** OCC Sewing group
1 PM—4 PM
- 20** Family activity night
6 PM
- 22** Bible drill competition
Nursery
- 22** AM Ann L/Ron L
PM **Need Volunteer**
- 29** AM Shirley M/Becca R
PM Verda H
- Birthdays**
- 21** Hazel (Mitzi) Warstler
- 29** Shirley McEver



Ron and Pam Sherrod
 NW 72nd
 Oklahoma City, 73118
 (Ron by statement and Pam by baptism)



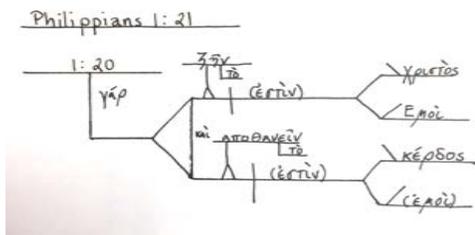
Operation Christmas Child for April: batteries—AA and AAA, hairbrushes and combs.

Stewardship for the week of 4/15/18

Budget Receipts:	\$990.00
Required:	3,260.03
Over/Under:	2,270.03
Annie Armstrong Offering:	50.00
Lottie Moon Offering:	50.00
TAB (tuck a buck):	115.00
Jill Justice Washington Trip:	145.00
Operation Christmas Child:	20.00

Diagramming Life

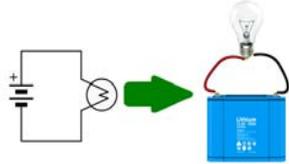
Growing up in the 1950s and 1960s, we learned to diagram sentences in school. It made no sense to me then. My mother loved diagramming sentences, but I would rather have gone to the dentist. When I took



Greek in seminary, diagramming opened the world of meaning to me in the Greek New

Testament. By looking at the parts of speech, I could provide a skeleton of meaning to complex New Testament texts (particularly helpful in reading Paul's writings). The photo above comes from my notebook of Greek Philippians and shows the structure of Paul's thinking. He presented two parallel thoughts: To him to live (is) Christ; to him to die (is) gaining. The words in parentheses do not appear in the text but are supplied for meaning. This was, if you will, Paul's diagram of his life: living was Christ; dying was "gain." "To live" and "to die" are the subjects of the sentence, "is" the understood verb, "Christ" and "gain" the predicate nominatives, to use the grammatically correct term.

A diagram visually represents complex realities. In



electronics, a schematic provides the same thing—a drawing that describes the interactions of the parts of a

device that shows how it functions. The schematic on the left shows how a battery and lightbulb (pictured on the right) work in a circuit. Power flows from the battery (on the left in the schematic) to the bulb (the odd shape in the circle on the right). Diagrams or schematics simplify so we can understand function.

Life today has become increasingly complex. At times it's hard to know whether we are coming or going because we have so much activity. What would our lives look like if we could diagram them, simplify them down to line drawings that show how we function?

In a sentence diagram a main core exists. We learned that core in school as subject, verb (or predicate), and object. All other words in a sentence

modify or describe the subject (adjectives), the verb (adverbs), or something else not really necessary to the primary core. If we diagrammed our lives would the main core be clear? What would it communicate?

Paul's statement in Philippians 1:21 shines crystal clear. He was saying that whether he lived or died, Christ is the core of his life. Though he was in prison, perhaps facing execution, he knew that his death (or life if he were spared) would glorify Jesus Christ. While he desired "to depart, and to be with Christ, which is far better" (vs. 23), he knew that to live and remain "is more needful for" (vs. 24) or necessary for the spiritual benefit of the Philippians.

Are our lives that crystal-clear, or are they muddled up with adverbs, adjectives, clauses, phrases, and other unnecessary things that muddy the message? I love editing to try to make writing (and meaning) more clear. Most of the time, clarifying writing means eliminating extra words. When I write these columns, I reread them and go back and cut words and phrases and even sentences and paragraphs for length and clarity. A good electrical engineer does the same thing with circuits. He analyzes circuits and eliminates what is not needed for devices to function properly.

How can we do that with our lives? We must focus on what matters. Jesus addressed the distractions in life in Matthew 6:32: "All these things do the Gentiles seek" (food, drink, clothing). He directed His disciples and us to "Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness, and all those things shall be added unto you" (vs. 33). The subject is "ye," the verb is "seek" the compound object is "the kingdom of God, and his righteousness." "First" is an adverb describing when or how we seek—first of all, of primary importance. The result is that all else flows out of that first action. That simplifies life. It's easy to say; it's difficult to do. It requires evaluation and analysis. It requires ruthless "editing" by cutting what is unnecessary. It's called discipleship.

—Brother Gary

